

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. The Examiner asserts that the current application represents six distinct and unrelated inventions:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 15, drawn to a complex comprising gp120 covalently bound to a fragment of CD4 or equivalent, classified in Class 530, subclass 350.
- II. Claims 8-10 and 14, drawn to an antibody and cell line, classified in Class 530, subclass 388.1.
- III. Claims 11 and 12, drawn to a method of raising neutralizing antibodies, classified in Class 424, subclass 193.1.
- IV. Claim 13, drawn to a method of detection with an antibody, classified in Class 435, subclass 5.
- V. Claims 16-19, drawn to a complex with gp120 covalently bound to a CD4 equivalent, classified in Class 530, subclass 350.
- VI. Claim 20, drawn to a method of raising neutralizing antibodies, classified in Class 424, subclass 193.1

Restriction Requirement (3/29/06), P. 2.

The Examiner further asserts that inventions (I, II, and V) and (III, IV, and VI) are related as products and processes of use.

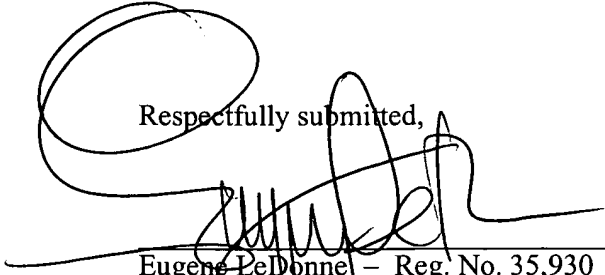
With regard to product inventions I, II, and V, Examiner asserts that they are directed to patentably distinct compositions. Examiner maintains that the composition of inventions I and V are different because V has different components.

With regard to method inventions III, IV, and VI, Examiner asserts that they are directed to patentably distinct methods. Examiner maintains that the method of detection is distinct from the methods of raising neutralizing antibodies because each has different purposes and steps to perform the claimed methods.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I corresponding to claims 1-7 and 15, with traverse.

Based upon the above election, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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